#### REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

#### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of March 29, 2004

# Taking the Worst of the Worst off the Streets

# **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force**

Cornell White was convicted of federal drug trafficking statutes in Washington DC and was serving a 17 year sentence for this conviction at FCI Petersburg, Virginia. After serving one year of this sentence, he was transferred to Maryland, convicted on four fraud violations and sentenced to just under 5 years, all suspended. He was released from custody before being returned to Virginia. The USMS in E/VA obtained a warrant charging White with escape. CARFTF investigators in Washington, DC worked with the USMS Technical Operations Group (TOG), the United States Attorneys Office in Richmond, VA, and the USMS office in Miami, Florida to develop leads which placed White in the Miami, Florida area. USMS personnel from DC traveled to Miami on 04/01/04 and teamed up with the USMS Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (FAST) and the Metro Dade PD to arrest White in the early morning hours on 04/02/04. Preliminary investigation indicates that White was involved in large scale fraud since his release from custody. USMS and fraud investigators from the South Florida Impact Strike Force (SFISF) believe White purchased a Porsche automobile and a residence in cash since his arrival in Miami on 02/06/04. Bank records in his possession under multiple identities indicate that he has over \$363,000 in Miami area banks. In regard to the money, White stated, "That's nothing." At the time of arrest, he told USMS investigators, "You guys are good... and lucky. A few days later and I would have been in Brazil."



Cornell White
Wanted for Escape

### **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

Anthony Morgan was wanted for his involvement in a large scale conspiracy to distribute over 500 kilograms of cocaine, which had begun in 1998. With critical assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, a vehicle driven by Morgan's girlfriend was located at a hotel in Arlington Heights, Illinois. After conducting surveillance and interviewing the hotel clerk, deputies from the Eastern District of Wisconsin and members of the GLRFTF identified a room registered to Ray Collins, an alias used by Morgan. Deputies entered the room and arrested Morgan without incident. Six cellular telephones and a Wisconsin Drivers License in the name of Ray Collins were recovered.



**Anthony Morgan** 

Wanted for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine

### Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force

Dean Rodriguez was arrested in Glendale, California on April 1, 2004 by members of the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force and homicide detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department Devonshire Division, with assistance from the USMS Technical Operations Group. Rodriguez, a member of the Mexican Mafia, was wanted by the California Department of Corrections for Parole Violation and by the Los Angeles Police Department for Murder. The charges against Rodriguez allege that, on December 13, 2003 at 8:00 am he walked up to a vehicle that was waiting in a drive-through lane at a McDonald's restaurant in the North Hills area of Los Angeles and fired multiple rounds into the vehicle, killing the driver, 31-year-old Sergio Ernesto Reyes of North Hills. Task Force investigators developed information that, on occasion, Rodriguez would drive a girlfriend to work at a Glendale shopping mall. On the morning of April 1, 2004, a surveillance team of task force and LAPD investigators observed Rodriguez and the girlfriend arrive at the mall on a motorcycle driven by Rodriguez. Task force investigators immediately blocked Rodriguez' motorcycle as he stopped to drop off the girlfriend, preventing him from engaging in a dangerous pursuit during the morning rush hour.



Dean Rodriquez
Wanted for Murder

### New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Marlon Hodges was being sought by the Newburg, New York Police Department for the shooting death of Devon Berry Jackson that took place March 19, 2004 in Newburgh, N.Y. It is believed that Hodges shot Jackson because of an ongoing dispute over a drug location. Jackson was shot 2 times with a .45 caliber gun. Believing that Hodges had fled their jurisdiction, Detectives from the Newburgh Police Department sought assistance from the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force to help locate and apprehend Hodges for Jackson's murder. NY/NJ RFTF investigators developed information that Hodges' girlfriend was visiting Jamaica and would be returning shortly. RFTF investigators from the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement were able to identify her return flight and question her immediately upon her return to the United States. Information was developed on a location in the Bronx where it was believed that Hodges was staying. NYNJ RFTF investigators and Newburgh Detectives set up surveillance at the location, and after many hours, observed Hodges in a vehicle. Hodges attempted to flee and after a short pursuit he abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. RFTF investigators and Newburgh Detectives gave pursuit and apprehended Hodges on 225 St. in the Bronx.



Marlon Hodges
Suspect in Homicide Case

## Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On Wednesday, March 31, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested escaped inmate Mario Martin. Martin was being held in the Cobb County jail on a probation violation but was the prime suspect in a murder committed near Six Flags Amusement Park. He was also being held for another agency on charges of armed robbery, home invasion, kidnapping, and burglary. Martin escaped the jail by switching identification arm bands with another inmate and presenting himself to guards as a subject making bond. With help from two outside individuals, Martin was mistakenly released and remained on the run for approximately two weeks. After the investigation provided leads to the whereabouts of Martin, surveillance was conducted on an apartment in Riverdale, Georgia. Martin was arrested without incident in a felony vehicle stop after investigators observed him entering a car with a female associate.



Mario Martin
Escaped Prisoner